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This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

An English language translation of DE 44 14 622 A1 is included.

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DD 244 821 A1 relates to a process for controlling excavators and conveying equipment, especially chain-and-bucket conveyors to distinguish between visually indistinguishable materials, for example between coal and secondary carbonaceous and argillaceous rock, preferably in open-cast mining.

DE 35 09 671 A1 relates to equipment for mining deposits by the open-cast method comprising a self-propelled traveling mechanism and a height-adjustable milling roller attached thereto for milling off the deposit to a specific depth, as well as a loading unit for the milled-off material with a conveyor belt on or above which several sensors are provided for electromagnetic radiation, which respond to the radiation reflected from the milled-off material transported on the conveyor belt and indicate radiation changes and convert these into electric signals, which in turn are used for controlling the milling depth setting of the milling roller.

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